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REPORT ON THE FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN ACTION REGARDING A PATENT OR TRADEMARK

In Compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 290 and/or 15 U.S.C. § 1116 you are hereby advised that a court action has been ☐ Trademarks: RHODE ISLAND on the following X Patents or filed in the U.S. District Court U.S. DISTRICT COURT DATE FILED DOCKET NO. RHODE ISLAND CA05-229S 5/24/2005 DEFENDANT PLAINTIFF Hasbro, Inc. Michael Bowling PATENT OR DATE OF PATENT HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK OR TRADEMARK TRADEMARK NO. 5,938,197 Michael Bowling 2 3 5 In the above—entitled case, the following patent(s)/ trademark(s) have been included: **INCLUDED BY** DATE INCLUDED Cross Bill Other Pleading ☐ Amendment ☐ Answer PATENT OR DATE OF PATENT HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK TRADEMARK NO. OR TRADEMARK 1 2 3 4 5 In the above—entitled case, the following decision has been rendered or judgement issued: DECISION/JUDGEMENT Judgment issued in favor of the plaintiff, Michael Bowling in the amount of \$446,182.40 (BY) DEPUTY CLERK DATE CLERK 3/24/2008 /s/ DAVID A. DIMARZIO

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

MICHAEL BOWLING, a Resident of Arizona,

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Plaintiff,

C.A. No. 05-

v.

HASBRO, INC., a Rhode Island Corporation,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Michael Bowling ("Bowling") for his Complaint against Defendant Hasbro, Inc. ("Hasbro") states and alleges as follows:

The Parties

- Plaintiff Bowling is a United States citizen residing at 7931 S. Avenida de Pina, 1. Tucson, Arizona.
- 2. Upon information and belief, defendant Hasbro is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Rhode Island and has a principal place of business at 1027 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
- Upon further information and belief, defendant Hasbro has manufactured games, 3. including "Monopoly, Millennium Edition," has had games manufactured on its behalf, and/or imported games that include a die having an extension member positioned between end caps, the extension member and end caps having a number of discrete facets. Defendant Hasbro has done

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business in this District by offering for sale, distributing, and selling its products in this District on a continuous and systematic basis.

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Background

- 4. Michael Bowling invented a die for which he sought a United States Patent. The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued United States Patent No. 5,938,197 to Mr. Bowling, which includes claims to his die.
- After Bowling began his initial sales of die that would later be covered by United 5. States Patent No. 5,938,197 ("the '197 patent"), Avalon Hill Games, Inc., a company owned and operated by Hasbro, attended the 1998 GenCom trade show. At this trade show, Bowling exhibited his new dice, which would later be covered by the '197 patent.
- In August 1999, Bowling attended the 1999 GenCom trade show. At this trade 6. show, a representative of Avalon Hill showed interest in Bowling's soon to be patented dice. Bowling told a representative of Avalon Hill that a patent was pending on his dice.
- Hasbro, Inc. began selling its infringing die in its "Monopoly, Millennium" game 7. but did not contact Bowling about his patent rights prior to these initial sales. In about September 1999, following Hasbro's introduction of its product containing the infringing die, Hasbro contacted Bowling to explore the possibility of using the patented die design. In response to Hasbro's September 1999 contact, Bowling informed Hasbro of its infringement. Following this initial correspondence, the parties have exchanged correspondence on several occasions without being able to resolve the dispute.
- 8. Upon information and belief, although Hasbro has unlawfully sold Bowling's patented die, Wizards of the Coast, Inc., a subsidiary of Hasbro, Inc. has lawfully purchased

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Bowling's dice from Bowling for an average price of about 60 cents per die and sold the dice to the public in excess of one dollar per die.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 9. This is a claim of patent infringement arising under the Acts of Congress relating to patents, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281-285.
 - This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). 10.
 - Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). 11.

Count I

Patent Infringement of United States Patent No. 5,938,197

- On August 17, 1999, United States Patent No. 5,938,197 entitled RANDOM 12. NUMBER GENERATOR FOR GAME PLAYING was duly and legally issued to Michael Bowling. Plaintiff Bowling, as assignee of United States Patent No. 5,938,197, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to United States Patent No. 5,938,197 and still is the owner thereof. United States Patent No. 5,938,197 is attached as Exhibit A.
- 13. Defendant Hasbro has manufactured, used, imported, offered for sale, and/or plans to sell board games that infringe United States Patent No. 5,938,197, or otherwise infringed or induced infringement.
- Defendant Hasbro had actual knowledge of United States Patent No. 5,938,197, 14. and its infringing activities at least since Hasbro received notice from the plaintiff have been and continue to be willful and deliberate.

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Plaintiff Bowling has been damaged by defendant Hasbro's infringement of 15. United States Patent No. 5,938,197 and will continue to be damaged in the future unless defendant Hasbro is enjoined from infringing said patent.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Bowling prays for the following relief:

- A judgment that defendant Hasbro has infringed United States Patent No. a. 5,938,197;
- An injunction enjoining and restraining defendant Hasbro, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all others acting under or through it, directly or indirectly, from infringing, or inducing or contributing to the infringement of United States Patent No. 5,938,197;
- A judgment and order requiring defendant Hasbro to pay damages under 35 Ç. U.S.C. § 284, including treble damages for willful infringement of United States Patent No. 5,938,197, and the costs of this action as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 284, with interest;
- A judgment that this case is exceptional and order directing defendant Hasbro to d. pay plaintiff Bowling reasonable attorney fees as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
 - Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and equitable.

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Demand for Jury Trial

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all counts so triable.

Michael Bowling,

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